

REMARKS:

In view of the foregoing amendments in the following remarks please reconsider the present application.

The claims have been amended in view of the examiner's cited references and any other prior art known to the applicant in order to be distinguished from these prior art references taken alone and in combination. In particular independent claim 1 has been amended and previously submitted claims 5, 10, 11 and 15 have been amended in independent form.

The total of independent claims is now 5, and accordingly there are two extra independent claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees for the two extra independent claims {2 X \$44 = \$88} and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No: 01-0310. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The language in the abstract to which the examiner has objected to has been amended and accordingly the examiner's objection in this regard should now be withdrawn.

The typographical error in the specification to which the examiner has objected to has also been amended in the manner suggested by the examiner in order to overcome this objection.

In the claims, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of previously submitted claim 2 which the examiner previously indicated would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim. Previously submitted claim 2 has accordingly been cancelled as being redundant upon the now amended claim 1.

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Previously submitted claims 5, 10, 11 and 15 have all been amended in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim and any intervening claim in order to allowable as previously stated by the examiner.

The remaining dependent claims have been amended in order to be consistent with the now amended independent claims noted above.

No other amendments to the specification and claims have been made.

The examiner is hereby notified that a new Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted separately to correct the typographical errors of the previous Information Disclosure Statement which the examiner objected to in the office action dated August 16, 2004.

Early and favorable reconsideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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